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SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY (STO) UPDATE; ROMANIA/CHILE
PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT TWO COPPER ORE REDUCTION PLANTS

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 4388 AND (B) STATE 184520

1. SUMMARY. PROJECT STILL IN EARLY WARNING STAGE; DETAILS
MAY BE FORTHCOMING AFTER GOR TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT SET FOR
NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS NOTED REFTTEL (A), SUBJECT PROJECT IN EARLY WARNING
STAGE. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY SOURCE, ROMANIAN
TEAM OF EXPERTS WILL SOON VISIT CHILE TO ESTABLISH
FEASIBILITY AND PRIORITY THIS AND OTHER JOINT PROJECTS.
PRESUMABLY, DRAVO CORPORATION'S QUERIES REGARDING PROJECT
AND FINANCING DETAILS WILL BE ANSWERED BY TEAM'S CONCLUSIONS.

3. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER LOCAL NOR ROMANIAN
FIRM HAS YET APPROACHED EXIMBANK ON PROJECT. IF PROJECT
IS TO GO FORWARD, HOWEVER, ITS PROMOTERS WILL FIRST HAVE
TO ESTABLISH ITS PRIORITY WITH THE GOC VIS A VIS MYRIOD OTHER
PROJECTS REQUIRING FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENDITURE. LOCAL
FIRM (PROMMIN) OPINES THAT CHANCES FOR GOC APPROVAL THIS
AND OTHER GOC/GOR JOINT PROJECTS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY
IMPROVED IF FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS WERE UNDERWRITTEN BY
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ROMANIAN RATHER THAN CHILEAN BORROWINGS. ROMANIAN EMBASSY

OFFICIALS HERE SAID THEY HAD NOT HEARD OF THIS PROPOSAL BUT THAT IT SOUNDED "INTERESTING".

4. COMMENT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT GOC/GOR PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BY FORMER GOC MINMINES YOVANE, WHOSE PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS WERE SOMETIMES AT ODDS WITH GOC POLICIES. YOVANE WAS REPLACED BEFORE RETURNING TO CHILE FROM HIS TRIP WHICH INCLUDED THE ROMANIAN STOP, AND IT IS HARD TO SAY HOW MUCH GOC EFFORT WILL NOW GO INTO REALIZING THESE JOINT PROJECTS. ONE QUALIFIED MINMINES SOURCE ASSURED COMATT THAT WHOLE GOC/GOR PROTOCOL WAS SO MUCH WINDOW-DRESSING. FURTHER, ROMANINAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PROJECTS CONTEMPLATED BY PROTOCOL AT TOP OF THEIR WORK LIST. ON OTHER HAND, GOC IS MOST ANXIOUS FOR NEW INVESTMENT AND IS FEELING EFFECTS OF IMF LIMITS ON NEW PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT. THIS AND OTHER PROPOSED GOC/GOR PROJECTS OFFER AT LEAST THE CHANCE OF GAINING THE FIRST AND AVOIDING THE LATTER.

5. ON BALANCE, WE JUDGE THIS PROJECT AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH DEFINITELY STILL IN EARLY WARNING STAGE.

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